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The Honorable Irma E. Gonzalez
Chief United States District Judge
Southern District of California
940 Front Street
San Diego, CA 92101

RE: United States of America v. Jorge Hernandez
Docket No. 07-CR-2953-IEG

Dear Judge Gonzalez:

The purpose of this correspondence is to advise the Court about the status of a court ordered psychological evaluation and to request an extension of time. Mr. Hernandez was designated to the MCC for this evaluation on April 24, 2008.

In accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 4241(b) and 18 U.S.C. § 4247(b), our psychology staff have 30 days to complete the evaluation. The statute also sets forth that an additional fifteen days may be granted upon a good showing why an extension of time is needed. During the next four weeks, we are short staffed and our forensic psychologist may have other clinical duties. Out of abundance of caution we are requesting the full 45 days to complete the testing and examination necessary to develop a history, diagnosis, and opinion.

The time period for the evaluation commenced upon the defendant's designation at MCC San Diego. It is anticipated that the evaluation will be completed no later than June 6, 2008. Copies of the report will be submitted to the Court, the prosecutor, and defense counsel by that date.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (619) 232-4555.

Sincerely,

for Paula M. Jarnecke
Warden